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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND QSIG COMMUNICATIONS METHODS**

the specification of which

is attached hereto  
 was filed on November 27, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/995,149 or PCT International Application Number and was amended on .

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